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RADON AWARENESS



Radon is a radioactive gas that forms naturally when uranium, thorium or radium (radioactive metals) break down in rocks, soil and groundwater. People can be exposed to radon, primarily by breathing radon found the air as it comes through cracks and gaps in buildings and homes.





According to the US EPA, radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer, the #1 cause of lung cancer in smokers, and is responsible for ~21,000 deaths in America each year.

Three things you can do for prevention; Get the Facts, Test Your Home, and Spread the

Word about Radon!



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HOW CAN WE PROTECT OURSELVES FROM RADON?

The EPA has stated that radon measurement systems provide practical and affordable measurements that can give consumers the information they need about the radon level in their home in order to make a decision about whether to fix it.

If it is determined that there are high levels of radon in the home, there are several options to address the issue. For more information, visit:

https://www.epa.gov/radon/nationalradon-action-plan-strategy-saving-lives



Free/Discounted Radon Test Kits are available for Ohio residents. Please visit <u>https://ohio.radon.com/</u> to order. Additionally, radon testing kits and monitoring devices are available from local and online retail stores.



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REDUCE YOUR RADON RISK

The only way to know is to test!

Find resources about test kits, mitigation methods and questions to ask a professional at the webpage below.



Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that can build up inside the home and increase the risk of lung cancer.



Test your home at least every two years. It's easy and inexpensive.



If your radon levels are 4.0 pCi/L or higher, consult a radon mitigation professional.

MITIGATION MURPHY SAYS...

"Test, Fix, and Save a Life! Protect you and your loved ones from Radon. Get your home tested today!"



Learn more at: https://www.epa.gov/radon

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